

Date: **14.8.2021**

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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION NO. 14**

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To: *The Competitor GHISLAIN DE MEVIUS of car No. 32
Crew GHISLAIN DE MEVIUS / JOHAN JALET*

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned a representative of the above Competitor, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts On SS9 Car no 32 did not slow down nor acknowledge the red flag on the FIA safety console as required.

Offence Breach of Article 53.5.1 a) and Article 53.5.3 of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision Driver GHISLAIN DE MEVIUS and Co-driver JOHAN JALET shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 1000**.

Reason During the running of SS9, due to an accident of car No. 31 at km 12.7, the Clerk of the Course deployed the Electronic Red Flag at 9:57 hrs to all the cars between the start line and the accident scene.

The Red Flag was shown on the FIA safety console of car No. 32 at 9:57 at km 6.1. According to the tracking data, car 32 did not slow down before reaching the accident scene and did not acknowledge the red flag on the console.

As stipulated in Article 53.5.1 a) of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the crew must confirm acknowledgement of the electronic Red Flag by pressing the ACKNOWLEDGE button immediately.

A hearing was held on Saturday 14th August 2021 at 18.45 hrs in the presence of the Driver Ghislain de Mevius.

During the hearing, the Driver stated that he had not seen the screen of the FIA Emergency Console because he was concentrated competing through the stage. He added that the console was visible by him, but he saw and acknowledged the Red Flag only at the accident scene.

The Stewards concluded that both Driver and Co-driver of car 32 were in breach of Article 53.5.1 a) and Article 53.5.3 of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, which explicitly mandates that crews must immediately acknowledge the red flag, reduce their car speed and maintain that reduced speed until the end of the special stage.

All participating competitors and crews must understand the severity and sensitivity of Article 53.5 of 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the 2021 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Timo Rautiainen
The Stewards



Surinder Thatthi



François Dumont

RE: Stewards Decision No. 14

This decision was notified by email to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	ARTHUR TANGHE	<i>Date:</i>	14.8.2021
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